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**IN PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which patent is sought on the invention entitled PRODUCTS, METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FRESH MEAT PROCESSING AND PACKAGING, the specification of which was filed on November 28, 2000, as United States Application No. 09/724,287.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional applications listed below:

Provisional Applications:

Application No.	Filing Date
60/040,556 ✓	March 13, 1997
60/129,595 ✓	April 15, 1999
60/141,569 ✓	June 29, 1999
60/144,400 ✓	July 16, 1999
60/148,227 ✓	July 27, 1999
60/149,938 ✓	August 19, 1999
60/152,677 ✓	September 7, 1999
60/154,068 ✓	September 14, 1999
60/160,445 ✓	October 19, 1999
60/175,372 ✓	January 10, 2000

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**Prior U.S. Applications:**

Application No.	Filing Date	Status
09/039,150	March 13, 1998	Abandoned
09/392,074	September 8, 1999	<del>Pending</del> <i>Aband</i>
09/550,399	April 14, 2000	<del>Pending</del> <i>Aband</i>

**Prior PCT Application:**

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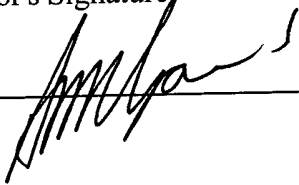
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